

emphasis on what new systems should do rather than how they should look, industry has enjoyed unparalleled opportunities to bring technical creativity to bear on the most complex requirements. Mr. Longuemare successfully ushered the reform of military specifications and standards. In fact, nearly 2,700 specifications and standards have been rescinded as formal acquisition requirements since the program's inception. Thus, barriers to industry's own rate of technology acceleration have eroded, and industry continues to improve the way they do business with the Department of Defense.

In addition to his leadership through difficult institutional changes, Mr. Longuemare personally pioneered many innovative acquisition concepts such as cost as an independent variable [CAIV] and the single process initiative [SPI]. CAIV provides program managers and engineers a practical method for treating cost as a true systems design criterion, and it directly supports the DOD transition to performance specifications. The SPI approach, which replaces separate Government and commercial processes, is one of the most powerful techniques available for reducing overhead and accelerating process proficiency.

Mr. Longuemare has been a champion within the DOD for more effective communications. He initiated a systems engineering directorate to better define this crucial, but often elusive, discipline within the acquisition system. He advocated continuing education for the acquisition work force and fostered significantly improved coordination between the military departments, particularly in the requirements definition process.

Mr. President, the work of this exceptional public servant will continue to have a lasting impact on the DOD for many years to come. Mr. Longuemare has rightly earned the highest respect of all who know him in Congress, the DOD, and private industry. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending the Senate's best wishes to Noel, his wife Julie, and their daughter Maria.●

#### OUTRAGE OVER MALAYSIAN REMARKS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to express my outrage and disgust at recent comments by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia. According to reports by official Malaysian news agencies, the Associated Press, and Reuters, Dr. Mahathir speculated last week that the collapse of Malaysian currency and the subsequent turmoil in its stock market may have been the result of an international Jewish conspiracy to oppress his predominantly Muslim nation.

Malaysia is in the midst of an economic crisis. Its currency, the Ringgit, has depreciated over 25 percent, which has sent its stock market to all-time

lows. The Prime Minister has blamed the crisis on currency speculators, most notably the famous hedge fund manager George Soros, who is Jewish. Soros has denied trading extensively in the Ringgit and most financial analysts agree that currency traders could not have triggered the Ringgit crisis.

I do not want to mischaracterize Dr. Mahathir's remarks, so I will quote them directly, as reported by the Associated Press. According to the AP, Dr. Mahathir said, "The Jews robbed the Palestinians of everything, but in Malaysia they could not do so, hence they do this, depress the Ringgit."

Referring to the economic progress made by Malaysia over the past decade, Dr. Mahathir said, "Incidentally, we are Muslims, and the Jews are not happy to see the Muslims progress." Finally, he speculated about a global anti-Malaysian conspiracy saying, "We may suspect that they [Jews] have an agenda, but we do not want to accuse."

Mr. President, I was shocked by these comments. They are patently outrageous, hateful, and blatantly anti-Semitic. I thought it appropriate that the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which is based in Los Angeles, immediately demanded a clarification from the Malaysian Government.

Today, the Simon Wiesenthal Center shared with me a letter it received from Hashim Makaruddin, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister. Rather than clarify Dr. Mahathir's remarks, Mr. Makaruddin's letter confirms a hostile attitude among Malaysia's leaders.

Mr. Makaruddin denies that the Prime Minister specifically alleged a Jewish conspiracy to stifle Malaysia's economic growth. He writes that Dr. Mahathir "was merely explaining that the currency crisis now being faced by Malaysia was the doing of George Soros, who is a Jew, and that among the victims which suffered were Malaysia and Indonesia, which are Muslim countries. Because coincidentally Mr. Soros is a Jew and Malaysia and Indonesia are Muslim countries, there are people who thought that this currency manipulation was a Jewish 'conspiracy' against the Muslim countries. This was what Dr. Mahathir told the crowd at the rally."

Mr. President, in other words, the Prime Minister's explanation is that he was not advancing his own anti-Semitic views, he was simply repeating the anti-Semitic conspiracy theories advanced by others without refuting them. Clearly, it is wrong for any government leader to lend official credence to such anti-Semitic views by repeating them at a widely attended rally.

I find Mr. Makaruddin's explanation of the Prime Minister's remarks wholly unsatisfactory.

I call on Prime Minister Mahathir to apologize to those who have taken offense at his remarks. I do not believe any other course of action can undo the damage done by these hateful and irresponsible comments.●

JOE CENARRUSA

● Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, integrity. That one word encompasses the life of Joe Cenarrusa. Today, family, friends, and the people of Idaho bid farewell to a man filled with integrity whose life ended tragically on September 9, 1997.

Joe Cenarrusa, the son of Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa and his wife Freda, was first and foremost a family man. But he was also a successful businessman who was very active in his community.

Joe Cenarrusa was born on the family ranch in Carey, ID. He was Pete and Freda Cenarrusa's only son. Joe had a love for flying—a love which he inherited from his father who was a Marine fighter pilot during World War II. At the age of 4, Joe would sit on his father's lap in the cockpit and Pete would let him take over the controls. It was clear from that early age that Joe would continue to soar to new heights.

The day he turned 16, Joe took his first solo flight. He then took his FAA check rides for the instrument, commercial, and airline transport ratings on the days he became age-eligible for them. Joe graduated from the University of Idaho where he was a flight instructor and was also active in the sky-diving club.

In 1974, he returned home to take over the ranch. He brought with him new ideas and innovative techniques which turned the operation into one of the most successful livestock operations in Idaho.

Joe Cenarrusa never shied away from a challenge. "You just can't take; you also have to give." That's how Joe lived his life, always finding ways to give back to his community—especially for causes that helped children.

Joe felt every child needed a bicycle. A young child riding a bike was only natural, but there were some children in the community whose families couldn't afford bikes. So Joe decided to do something about that. As the owner of Red Robin Restaurants, Joe would offer deluxe hamburgers for anyone who would donate a bicycle. Those bikes would be refurbished by a friend, Mike Cooley, and then donated to needy children at the start of each school year. "Burgers For Bicycles" was a program that made Joe happy. It made his friend Mike Cooley happy. And it made thousands of school-children happy each fall.

Joe also had a place in his heart for battered and neglected children who ended up at the Hays Shelter Home. He'd bring the children and staff from the home down to his restaurant once a week and let them order whatever they wanted off the menu—including dessert. What a wonderful opportunity and a very visible sign to these neglected children that someone in their community cared.

Joe is remembered as a "good, decent man, a visionary, a man of integrity, a man who loved his family, and a man